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((TEXT)) ISLAMABAD, APRIL 18 (XINHUA)--AT LEAST 50 AFGHAN HINDUS WERE KILLED AND DOZENS MORE INJURED WHEN TWO KABUL REGIME SECRET POLICE OFFICERS OPENED FIRE RECENTLY ON WORSHIPERS IN A TEMPLE IN JALALABAD TOWN BORDERING PAKISTAN, LOCAL PRESS REPORTED TODAY.

AFGHAN TRAVELERS SAID YESTERDAY IN PESHAWAR, CAPITAL OF PAKISTAN'S NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE, THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN TWO ARMED AFGHAN SECRET POLICE (KHAD) OFFICERS TRIED TO ENTER A HINDU TEMPLE IN ZARA AREA IN JALALABAD, PROVINCIAL CENTER OF NANGARHAR ON APRIL 13, BUT THEY WERE REFUSED BY THE WORSHIPERS.

THE TWO OFFICERS ARMED WITH AK-47 RIFLES, BURST INTO THE TEMPLE AND OPENED FIRE ON THE WORSHIPERS. THE ANGRY WORSHIPERS STABBED ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHILE THE OTHER MANAGED TO ESCAPE, THE REPORT SAID.

FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT THE HINDUS AND SIKHS LIVING IN THE PROVINCIAL CITY SHUT DOWN THEIR SHOPS TO PROTEST AGAINST THE KILLINGS. THEY CALLED ON THE KABUL AUTHORITIES FOR RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND THE PUNISHMENT OF THE MURDERERS, THE REPORT QUOTED A TRAVELER AS SAYING.

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